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OF THE

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OF

PALMER, MASS.

1847-1895.

PREPARED BY THE PASTOR AND CLERK.

"Tis greatly wise to talk with our past hours, And ask them what report they bore to heaven." -You so.

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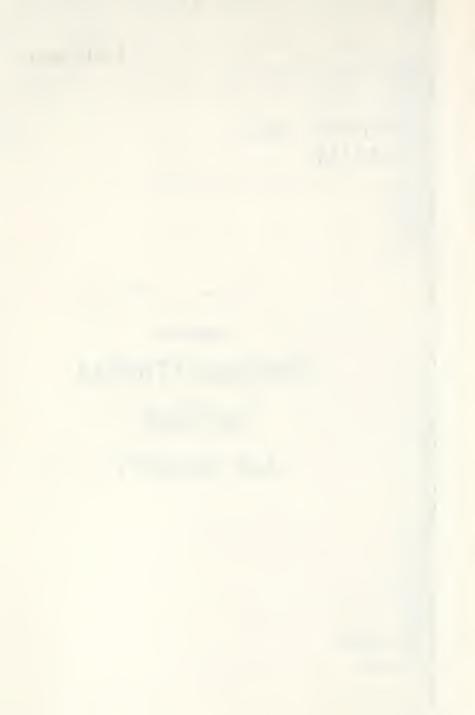
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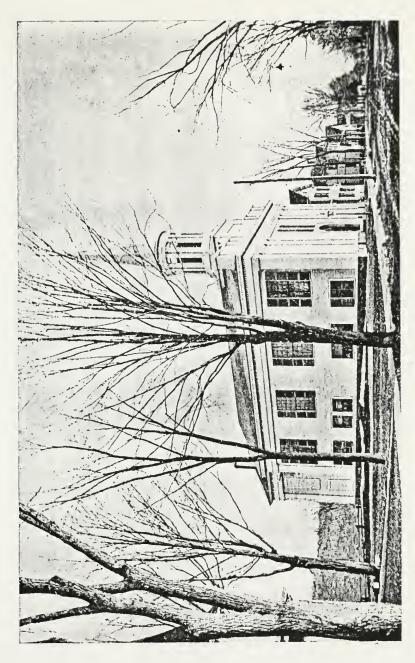
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PREFACE.

The past year marks an important epoch in the history of our church, in that it became a corporate body and made many changes in the letter, if not in the spirit of its creed, in its mode of government and in its several departments of work. The above changes, coupled with the fact that the records of the church were lost in the burning of Holden's Block, Jan. 28, 1894, seemed to demand the preparation of a new manual. June 7, 1894, the church voted to have a new manual of the church prepared and published under the charge of the Pastor and Clerk.

On account of the loss of the records, the editors have thought it advisable at this time to preserve as much as possible of the past history of the church for the benefit of the future, and have made the historical sketch and other data quite complete. Should it be found that any names have been omitted from the historical list, it will be due to the loss of the records as above noted.

In preparing the work the code of By-Laws and the Course of Bible Study have been elaborated by the Pastor, while the remaining portion has fallen to the hand of the Clerk.

REV. FRANK E. JENKINS, Pastor. O. P. Allein, Clerk.

Palmer, Mass., May 6, 1895.



Historical Sketch.



THE FIRST CHURCH IN PALMER.

HE early settlers of Palmer, like those in other New England towns, were mindful of their religious duties, for as soon as they were established in their rude homes they erected a meeting house, which was first occupied in November, 1735. In order to give the reader some tangible idea of the appearance of the first church in

Palmer, we have been to some pains in obtaining a cut, taken from a drawing made by Miss Isabel Gordon of Springfield, under the direction of Dr. W. H. Stowe, which has restored the building as nearly as possible from plans and descriptions found on the old town records, and kindly loaned by Dr. Stowe for this purpose.

As there were a number of rival sites on which to locate the building, the matter was determined by lot, the Rev. Mr. Harvey officiating after solemn prayer, by which means the location was fixed at the Old Centre. This first meeting house was a plain structure indeed, measuring 30 × 36 feet, and one story high. It was without ceiling or plastering, and furnished no means for warmth in the cold season. The only external adornment was the singular emblematical design placed in the gable over the front entrance, peculiar, it is said, to the Scotch Presbyterians. For more than three-score years this miniature house was the Shiloh of Palmer, around which revolved the religious and political life of the town, and where the momentous matters of church and state were discussed and decided. It was used for a place of public worship and town meetings until 1798, when it was sold and a new and larger church was built and located near the former one and dedicated the same year. This later edifice remained until a few years ago, when it was sold and torn down. Just when the first



church in Palmer was organized the records do not indicate, but probably about 1730. The first settled minister was Rev. John Harvey, who was ordained June 5, 1734. For want of a better place the services were held under the spreading branches of a white oak tree near Cedar Swamp meadow. He resigned the pastorate in 1748.

The next pastor was Rev. Robert Burns, who was settled in 1753, and as his ministrations were not satisfactory he was dismissed in 1757. Then followed the notably long and successful pastorate of Rev. Moses Baldwin, extending from 1761 to June 18, 1811. He was a faithful and earnest pastor. He died in Palmer Nov. 2, 1813, aged 81. At the close of Mr. Baldwin's pastorate the town voted to change the form of church government from that of the Presbyterian, under which it had existed some 80 years, to that of the Congregational.

Mr. Baldwin's successor was Rev. Simeon Colton, who was ordained and installed June 18, 1811. The records show that one hundred and twenty members were added to the church during his pastorate, which closed by his request in 1821. He was followed by Rev. Henry H. F. Sweet in 1825, whose short and useful life was closed by death in 1827.

Rev. J. K. Ware was settled in 1827 and remained until 1831, followed by Rev. Samuel Backus in 1832, who asked for a dismission in 1841. Rev. Moses K. Cross was settled in 1842, and proved a very acceptable pastor. He remained until 1849, when failing health caused his resignation. He still lives in the enjoyment of a hale, hearty old age, in Waterloo, Iowa. It was during his pastorate that the old meeting house was abandoned and the church divided, as narrated below.



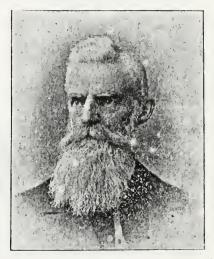
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HE opening of the Western, — now the Boston and Albany, — Railroad about the year 1838, created a new village center at the station. Business and population increased rapidly; the old Centre began to show signs of age; the village of Thorndike was becoming a power in social and civil affairs, and as a natural result each of the two new villages claimed a right to special religious privileges.

In 1847 an amicable division was effected, Rev. Moses K. Cross remaining with the mother church, and fifty-four members withdrawing, with a view of forming a new church at the Depot Village. The Second

Church was organized April 1, 1847, by an Ecclesiastical Council called for the purpose, with a membership of fifty-seven, which number was increased to sixtynine before the close of the year. For nearly a year the church had no pastor, but the desk was supplied by Rev. Dr. Ely of Monson, and others. In January, 1848, the church by unanimous vote extended a call to Mr. Thomas Wilson to become its pastor, and on Feb. 29th he was ordained and installed pastor. Mr. Wilson was born in Paisley, Scotland, June 15, 1822, and came with his father and family to



REV. THOMAS WILSON.

Lowell in 1829. He fitted there in the high school for college, graduated at Dartmouth in 1844, and at Andover Theological Seminary in 1847. He remained with the church in Palmer until July 1, 1852, when he asked for a dismissal on account of inadequate support.



During his pastorate forty-six members were added to the church. His ministry was a very successful one, and he left his first charge respected and beloved by all. He removed to Westford, Mass., where he was installed May 4th, 1853, and dismissed Feb. 13th, 1856. Then he received a call to become the pastor of the First Congregational Church in Stoughton, Mass., where he was installed March, 13, 1856, and dismissed March 13, 1876. On account of ill health he rested from ministerial labors for nearly a year, then assumed the pastorate of the Congregational Church in Eaton, N. Y., March 25, 1877, where he remained until about two years ago, when he deemed it best to retire to a well-carned rest from ministerial labor, to Waterville, N. Y., where he now resides. After the retirement of Mr-Wilson the church was without a pastor for some two years, but was able to secure the services of Rev. W. W. Belden for most of the time.

In September, 1854, the church extended a call to Rev. Joseph Vaille,



REV. JOSEPH VAILLE, D. D.

D. D., of Somers, Ct., to become its pastor; the call was accepted, and on Dec. 7th, 1854, he was installed the second pastor. Dr. Vaille was born in Hadlyme, Ct., July 28th, 1790. He graduated at Yale in the class of 1811, and was ordained to the ministry Feb. 2d, 1814, and had his first settlement in Brimfield; his second in Portland, Me., for three years; after which he received a second call to Brimfield; then for four years was a successful solicitor for Amherst College; then was pastor in Somers, Ct., where he was installed Aug. 6th, 1845. pastorates covered thirty-seven

years prior to his settlement in Palmer. After a pastorate in Palmer of about thirteen years he was dismissed at his request Feb 12th, 1868. He was elected a Representative from the Palmer District to the Massachusetts Legislature, and died in office Feb. 22, 1869, leaving an honored name as a rich legacy to the people he loved so well. Dr. Vaille was a true gentleman of the old school, dignified, but with a heart full of sympathy and tenderness. He was quick at repartee, and enjoyed genuine wit in



others. His memory is still gratefully cherished in the parish he presided over so long.

Rev. Bradford M. Fullerton was ordained and installed the third pastor

Feb. 12th, 1868. Mr. Fullerton was born in Bridgeport, Ct., April 13th, 1837. He graduateds at Amherst in 1861, and at Andover Theological Seminary in 1865. After graduating he was engaged in editorial work on the Worcester Transcript and the Hartford Post a few months each, and on the Norwich Bulletin two and one-half years. After a successful pastorate of more than thirteen years he was dismissed at his request July 6th, (88). During his charge one hundred and ninety-five members we're added to the church, largely the result of revivals. Besides his pastoral cares



REV. BRADFORD M. FULLERTON.

Mr. Fullerton took a large interest in public affairs, being for many years an efficient member of the school board. In his retirement the patish lost an efficient pastor and a man of scholarly attainments. Soon after leaving Palmer he accepted a call from the Trinitarian Congregational Church in Waltham, where he remained until the fall of 1893, when on account of failing health he resigned the pastorate. The faculty of Amherst College conferred upon Mr. Fullerton the deserving title of D. D. in 1891.

After Mr. Fullerton's resignation the church remained without a pastor for nearly two years, the desk being supplied by different preachers.

Rev. Pleasant Hunter, Jr., the fourth pastor, was ordained and installed June 7th, 1883. He was born in Wiseburg, Md. He was graduated from the Boston University, and from Hartford Theological Seminary in 1883. After a successful pastorate of three years he was dismissed at his request July 25, 1886. Mr. Hunter, during his brief ministrations, had won a large place in the hearts of his people and was allowed to go with keen regret. On leaving Palmer he became the pastor of the Central Congregational Church at Newtonville, Mass., then accepted a call to the Presbyterian



Church in Newark, N. J., and later became the pastor of one of the largest Presbyterian Churches in Minneapolis, Minn., where he still remains. He has also had conferred upon him the title of 10. D. by Princeton College.

Rev. Howard W. Pope, the fifth pastor, was installed Nov. 3d, 1886, He was born Jan. 21, 1849, in New Haven, Ct. He was graduated from Yale in 1871, and from Yale Theological School in 1874. He was ordained and installed pastor of the Congregational Church in Bridgeport, Conn., in 1874, where he remained until he



REV. HOWARD W. POPE.



REV PLEASANT HUNTER.

accepted a call to become pastor of the Congregational Church in Manchester, Ct., in 1881. this church he was dismissed at his request in 1886. He was dismissed from the Palmer church at his request May 23, 1892, and accepted a call from the Congregational Church in Somersworth, N. H., where he remained until April, 1894, when he resigned, to accept the position of assistant secretary of the International Christian Workers' Association, with headquarters at New Haven, Conn.

> Rev. Frank E. Jenkins, the sixth and present pastor, was installed April 19th, 1893. He was born in Walton, N. Y., Nov. 26, 1854.

He graduated from Walton Academy in 1874, from Williams College in 1878, and from Hartford Theological Seminary in 1881. He commenced his pastoral work at Charlton, Mass., where he was ordained, May 18th,



1881. Resigning his charge there in August, 1882, he removed to South Coventry, Ct., where he remained until December, 1886, when he engaged in the work of the American Missionary Association, which included missionary work among the mountain whites of the South, and service as pastor of the Congregational Church and principal of the Williamsburg Academy of Williamsburg, Kv.: was field superintendent of the A. M. A. schools and churches in the Southern States, and became pastor of the People's Congresstional Church in New Decatur,



REV, FRANK E. JENKINS.

Ala., Jan. 1, 1890, which pastorate he resigned in 1893, on accepting the call to the Palmer church.

The order of exercises observed at the installation of Rev. Frank E. Jenkins was as follows:

Anthem					
					Rev. J. S. Butler, Three Rivers.
					Rev. E. B. Blanchard, Thorndike,
Hymm. , .					Choir and Congregation.
Sermon, .		Prof.	C. S.	Beards	lee, Hartford Theological Seminary.
Solo,		,			. Mis. A. D. Noteross,
Prayer of Installation					3. Buckingham, D. D., Springfield.
Charge to the Pastor,					Rev. M. S. Howard, Wilbraham,
Right Hand of Fellov	ship.				Rev. T. S. Hatch, Monson.
Anthem.					
Charge to the People,				Rev,	H. W. Pope, Somersworth, N. H.
					Rev. C. H. Hanks, Springfield,
Doxology, .					
Benediction					Rev. F. E. Jenkins.

In concluding this outline sketch of our church, I may be pardoned for adding some thoughts germane to the subject which could not properly be given in the body of the sketch. Counted by years, our church is not an old one, for its existence is embraced within the scope of half a century, and my personal knowledge of it covers but 35 years.

The founders of our church have all joined the great majority, save one (Mrs. Eliza W. Breckenridge). The membership of the church has



nearly changed since I first knew it; a new generation has filled the places made vacant by those who have gone to their reward or to other churches; ten only remain who were members 35 years ago; these changes convey their own story, how fully death and removal have done their work. With all its changes our church has been happy in its choice of pastors; all have been men of scholarly attainments, trained in collegiate and theological institutions; they have come to us well fitted to perform the work assigned them. They have been actuated by that safe spirit of conservatism which has led to success. Under their leadership our church has been a progressive one. Thirty-five years ago the old-time methods obtained in some degree. During the pastorate of Dr. Vaille he preached three sermons each Sunday, and occupied nearly all of the time at the mid-week meeting, calling occasionally on one or two of the deacons to lead in prayer: no others were expected to take a part. But as if to atone in some measure for the formal prayer meeting, the Rey. Doctor was a frequent visitor among his parishioners, and carried joy wherever he went by his genial presence and words of cheer. Mr. Fullerton had broken away from the stereotyped past and introduced a new order of things; not only the male portion, but the gentler members were urged to take an active part in the prayer meeting. This was a great innovation, but the church entered into the spirit of it with great benefit to all concerned.

In former times it had not been thought wise to urge the youth to become members of the church, much less for them to take an active part in public worship, but the change for their benefit in our church has been a progressive one. At first it was thought that the Sunday school was doing all that could be expected, but at last the Young People's Meeting was established, led by some one especially adapted for the work; then came the Endeavor Society, the best of all, which society is now the hope of the church; then followed the Junior Endeavor Society, the grand results of which the future years alone can tell. Under our present pastor the methods for work in all departments have been broadened, and plans laid for better work than ever before, which, with God's blessing, must tell for good.

Our church has long been noted for its encouragement of legitimate intellectual efforts in other lines, outside of strictly religious work. And this is right, for the mind should be fortified with a correct knowledge of history, science and philosophy, which, with spiritual experience, goes to make the complete intellectual man and woman. No Christian, who can command the opportunity, ought to plead ignorance of the leading matters



which agitate the world of thought. Our pastors and many of our members have been noted in their leadership in our village societies, organized from time to time for intellectual pursuits. With one exception these societies have been undenominational, and participated in by members of all our churches. This is right, for it serves to break up that narrowness of feeling which otherwise might be engendered. These societies, in their way, have done much good, quickening thought, broadening the understanding, and inspiring the young to search for themselves in new fields of knowledge, and draw them away from vain pursuits. I know personally of those whom these societies have inspired to overcome many difficulties, and given collegiate and theological training. It is laudable for the church to enter into this field, and help lead the rising generation into all fields of useful knowledge, thereby showing she has a sympathy broad enough to include all that is useful and ennobling.

THE DIACONATE.

For many years the Deacons were chosen for life, or during their membership in the church, but during the pastorate of Mr. Pope this custom was changed, and the deacons have since then been chosen for a term of four years each. The following is a list of those who have filled the office of deacon since the organization of the church:

Benjamin Converse, chosen April 9, 1847. Lebeus Chapin, chosen April 9, 1847. Wilson Brainerd, chosen 1851. Calvin Nutting, chosen 1851. Henry A. Moore, chosen 1867. Freeman S. Foster, chosen 186g. Hiram Converse, chosen 1869. Alfred E. Park, chosen 1883. George F. Brown, chosen 1883. W. A. Breckenridge, chosen 1887. Chas, W. Bennett, chosen 1887. Geo. H. Hastings, chosen 1888. James B. Shaw, chosen 1894.



Under our new corporation rules, adopted in 1894, these four Deacons were elected Jan. 3, 1895:

W. A. Breckenridge for one year, term expires Jan. 1, 1896.

C. W. Bennett for two years, term expires Jan. 1, 1897.

J. B. Shaw for three years, term expires Jan. 1, 1898.

G. H. Hastings for four years, term expires Jan. 1, 1899.

CLERKS OF THE CHURCH.

The Clerks of the church have officiated as follows: A. V. Blanchard, 1847; Rev. Thomas Wilson, 1848 to 1852; S. H. Hall, 1852 to 1854; A. Blodgett, 1854; Rev. J. Vaille, 1854 to 1868; Rev. B. M. Fullerton, 1868 to 1881; S. H. Hellyar, 1881 to 1885; Rev. P. Hunter, Jr., 1885 to 1886; O. P. Allen, 1886 to the present.

THE CHURCH EDIFICE.

When the church was first organized, meetings were held in McGilvray's hall in the Depot Village, then just starting into life and activity. It soon became apparent, however, that a more commodious place was imperatively needed. Two rival sites were offered as gifts on which to build a church; one by Col. Cyrus Knox, near the present Ridge's Food factory, and the other by Capt. A. N. Dewey, and the latter was chosen. As early as October, 1846, a paper had been circulated for the purpose of obtaining subscriptions to 160 shares of stock at \$25 per share, for the building of a church. In a short time the whole amount was taken and about \$2500 paid in. The stockholders were to rent the church to the society at a rate of not more than 8 per cent on the cost thereof, which amount was to be divided as a dividend among the stockholders.

The corner stone of the church was laid with appropriate ceremonies in the month of May, 1847, by Rev. Dr. Ely of Monson. The church was dedicated Wednesday, December 22d, of the same year, "to the worship of God, by appropriate solemnities, viz:—Invocation and reading of the scriptures by Mr. Thomas Wilson (licenciate): introductory prayer by Rev. C. B. Kittredge of Monson; sermon by Rev. E. Russell of Springfield; dedicatory prayer and benediction by Rev. Dr. Ely of Monson. The



exercises were exceedingly interesting, and an additional zest was given to them from the fact that they occurred on a day hallowed by such sacred association to every lover of the Puritans. The sermon on Psalm 96:6, 'Honor and majesty are before Him, strength and beauty are in His sanctuary,' was characterized by that bold, vigorous and manly style for which the preacher is distinguished."

The company, called "The Palmer Depot Church Corporation," which was outside of the church society, had incurred something of a debt in the erection of the church, and in 1853 the building was sold at auction to satisfy a claim and was bid off by D. F. McGilvray for \$2495. In 1854 the church was purchased by the Ecclesiastical Society, by whom it has since been owned. The original cost of the church was \$5000. In 1870 the church was thoroughly remodeled at a cost of nearly \$8000, and was rededicated February 23, 1871. A few years later a pipe organ was put in by subscription at a cost of \$1500. In 1886 the unsightly vestry was remodeled and put into tasteful shape at a cost of about \$800. In 1876 a parsonage was erected on the church grounds, at an expense of \$4000. In 1889 substantial sidewalks approaching the church and parsonage were laid down, and paid for by funds devised by the late Mrs. Maria Warner of Palmer.

ORGANIZATION,

OFFICERS OF THE CHURCH FOR 1895,

PASTOR.

Rev. Frank E. Jenkins.

DEACONS,

W. A. Breckenridge,

G. H. Hastings,

C. W. Bennett,

J. B. Shaw,

O. P. Allen, Clerk; J. H. Tuthill, Treasurer.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF THE CHURCH.

F. E. Jenkins,

J. H. Tuthill,

W. A. Breckenridge,

G. H. Wilkins,

C. W. Bennett,

Mrs. S. C. Hunt, Mrs. C. W. Bennett,

G. H. Hastings, I. B. Shaw,

Mrs. Joseph Kenerson,

J. D. Man,

Mrs. Joseph Kenerson,

O. P. Allen,

Miss Anna L. Fisherdick.

L. H. Gager,



AUDITOR.

G. H. Wilkins.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE CHURCH.

J. B. Shaw;

H. G. Loomis,

L. H. Gager.

COMMITTEES.

Committee to Welcome Strangers — C. W. Bennett, G. H. Hastings, J. B. Shaw.

Committee to Visit Strangers and the Sick — Mrs. G. H. Wilkins, Mrs. J. B. Shaw, Mrs. W. H. Hitchcock, Mrs. F. B. Pope, Mrs. S. H. Hellyar, Mrs. J. C. Wing, Mrs. G. H. Hastings.

Committee on Decoration — Mrs. J. B. Shaw, Mrs. John Sedgwick, Miss Flora Studley, Clarence Wing, Robert Studley, Albert Shaw.

Ushers — L. E. Chandler, G. H. Bray, C. A. LeGro, Louis K. Cross.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

The Sunday School connected with the church was organized April 8, 1852, since which time it has maintained a vigorous existence. Last year the school made a new departure by introducing the Blakeslee Graded Lesson System of Bible Study. This year the school has entered upon a new era in its history by adopting a plan of study which will require fourteen years for its completion; a plan which, if carried out, ought to fully equip its members with a knowledge of Bible doctrine and history. The school has an efficient corps of teachers, and numbers 258, with an average attendance of 174, including the Home Department. It also has a Home Department for those who are unable to attend at church. Its officers are elected annually by the church. The school has had these superintendents: Arza Blodgett, for 1852; Jonathan Webber, 1853-54; Azel Breckenridge, 1855; Henry A. Moore, 1856. From 1857 the superintendents were chosen by the Sunday School, and as no records were kept the list is not complete; but during that interval of seventeen years the following gentlemen occupied the position, viz: W. C. Child, Dr. Wm. Holbrook, Dr. E. B. Lyon, J. D. Blanchard, Dea. Freeman S. Foster, H. J. Lawrence, E. N. Montague, and possibly others. Since 1873 the superintendentents have been chosen by the church as follows: O. L. Slader for 1874-75-76-77; F. B. Shepard, 1878-79-80; Col. II. R. Stoughton, 1881-82-83; O. P. Allen, 1884-85-86; L. E. Moore, 1887;



J. B. Shaw, 1888-89-90-91-92-93; L. H. Gager, 1894-95. A select library belongs to the church and is devoted to the use of the school. The offerings of the school are appropriated by vote of the school in aid of missionary and other work.

OFFICERS FOR 1895.

SUPERINTENDENT.

L. H. Gager.

Assistant Superintendent — J. C. Wing.

Superintendent Primary Department — Mrs. J. B. Shaw.

Superintendent Home Department - Alfred W. Thayer.

Secretary and Treasurer - F. B. Pope.

Librarian — Miss Julia A. Allen.

Organist — Miss Charlotte L. Bray.

TEACHERS.

Class 1. W. A. Breckenridge. Class 12. Miss Anna Fisherdick.

" 2. Mrs. L. E. Child. " 13. Mrs. C. W. Bennett.

" 3. C. W. Bennett. " 14. Mrs. D. L. Bodfish.

" 4. O. P. Allen. " 18. Miss Charlotte Bray.

" 5. F. E. Jenkins. " 20. Miss Flora Studley.

6. Mrs. S. C. Hunt. "21. Mrs. Joseph King.

" 9. Miss Ada G. Wing. " 22. Mrs. J. C. Wing.

" 10. Mrs. F. E. Cady. " 23. Mrs. L. E. Chandler.

" 11. Mrs. F. B. Pope.

Sunday School Home Department Visitors—Mrs. G. H. Hastings, Mrs. J. W. Brainerd, Mrs. L. H. Gager, Mrs. J. H. Tuthill, Mrs. H. Chapman.

OUR COURSE OF BIBLE STUDY.

adopted september, 1894.

Our pastor has formulated a course of study for our Sunday School, which has attracted no little notice from the press and others interested in such matters. The editor of the Religious Herald says, in calling attention to the article on Graded Sunday Schools by Rev. F. E. Jenkins, that it presents "many important and practical improvements in Sunday School work." Rev. Addison P. Foster, D. D., says, in the Advance: "The Sunday School of the church at Palmer, Mass., of which Rev. Frank E. Jenkins is the efficient pastor, is probably the first in the land to adopt



a carefully graded system of study covering a long term of years. This course is based on the Blakeslee Series of Lessons, but it has boldly mapped out the work of the whole school, not for one year, or three years only, but for thirteen, or, if we may say, sixteen." "The experiment at Palmer will be watched with intense interest, and it may prove that Mr. Jenkins is the pioneer in a great and well-nigh revolutionary change in our Sunday School methods."

THE COURSE OF STUDY.

1. Infant Class. One Year.

A year of preparatory training for the smallest children. Kindergarten work.

2. Primary Classes. Three years.

First year. (1). OLD TESTAMENT STORIES. (2). MEMORY WORK: Lord's Prayer; First Three Commandments: Psalms 1, 23, 100; Hymns: "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow," "Gloria Patri," "Joy to the World! The Lord is Come."

Second year. (1). A YEAR WITH JESUS. (2). MEMORY WORK: Golden Rule; Psalms 19, 103; The Ten Commandments; Hymns: "Safely Through Another Week," "O Day of Rest and Gladness," "My Country, 'tis of Thee."

Third year. (1). A YEAR WITH THE APOSILES. (2). MEMORY WORK: Books of the Bible; Apostles' Creed; Beatitudes; 1 Cor. 13; Hymns: "Onward, Christian Soldiers," "What a Friend We Have in Jesus," "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name," "Jesus, Lover of My Soul."

3. JUNIOR CLASSES.

First year. (1). OLD TESTAMENT STORIES (Child's Quarterly). (2). BIBLE GEOGRAPHY (Where the Children of Israel Went). (3). MEMORY WORK: Psalm 90; Selections from the Proverbs; Hymns: "There is a Green Hill Far Away," "Rock of Ages," "My Faith Looks Up to Thee," "O Sacred Head," "Christ for the World, We Sing."

Second year. (1). A YEAR WITH JESUS. (Child's Quarterly). (2). BIBLE GEOGRAPHY (Where Jesus Went). (3). MEMORY WORK: Psalm 51; Selections from Proverbs; Hymns: "Come, Thou Almighty King," "Jesus Shall Reign," "Children of the Heavenly King," "Come, thou Fount," "There is a Fountain."



Third year. (1). A YEAR WITH THE APOSILES (Child's Quarterly). (2). BIBLE GEOGRAPHY (Where the Apostles Went). (3). MEMORY WORK: Isaiah 53; Review of all previous memory work; Hymns: "Awake, My Soul, Stretch Every Nerve," "Am 1 a Soldier of the Cross?" "Just as I am," "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing," "Love Divine," "Blest Trinity! From Mortal Sight."

4. Intermediate Classes.

First year. (1). OUTLINE OF OLD TESTAMENT HISTORY. (2). BIBLE GEOGRAPHY (The Old Testament World). (3). MEMORY WORK: Psalm 90; Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5); Hymns: "How Firm a Foundation," "Sun of my Soul," "We are Living, We are Dwelling," "From Greenland's Icy Mountains," "Nearer, my God, to Thee."

Second year. (1). OUTLINE OF THE LIFE OF CHRIST. (2). BIBLE GEOGRAPHY (Palestine in the time of Christ). (3). MEMORY WORK: Sermon on the Mount (Matt. 6): Nine Parts, Thirty-five Chapters, 151 Facts of Life of Christ; Hymns: "Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty," "Stand up, Stand up for Jesus," "Prayer is the Soul's Sincere Desire," "Lord God of Hosts, by all Adored," "Oh Worship the King, all Glorious Above," "I Love to Tell the Story."

Third year. (1). THE APOSTOLAC CHURCH. (2). BIBLE GEOGRAPHY (The Field of the Early Church). (3). MEMORY WORK: Sermon on the Mount; Hymns: "I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord," "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy," "Come, Holy Ghost, Creator Come," "Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove," "A Charge to Keep I Have," "Take My Life, and let it be," "Jerusalem, the Golden."

5. Progressive Classes.

First year. (1). OUTLINE OF OLD TESTAMENT HISTORY (advanced). (2). SUPPLEMENTARY READING.

Second year. (1). Outline of the Life of Christ (advanced). (2). Supplementary Reading.

Third year. (1). History of the Early Church (advanced). (2), Supplementary Reading.

6. Bible Classes.

For general or special study. These lessons may be changed from year to year. The International Lessons, Burle Study Union Lessons, or other lessons may be used according to the preferences of the school or classes.



MUSIC.

The music department of the church service deserves more than a passing notice, for it is an important factor in worship. As a matter of course a choir was formed soon after the church was organized. Abner Allen was the first chorister, and sustained that position from 1847 to 1850. This was the time when stringed instruments were employed in the choir, and the few surviving members of our society who worshipped at that period recall the fact that James Burnham played the double bass viol, Horace Clark, single bass, E. B. Shaw and John Allen, violins. Dr. Wm. Holbrook was musical director from 1850 to 1860. His choir numbered about forty singers, the surviving members of which are Mrs. Holbrook, Mrs. E. Brown, Mrs. L. E. Child, Mrs. J. S. Loomis, Mrs. George Robinson, James Burnham and D. W. Mason. At that time the choir was located in the rear of the audience. It was the Doctor's frequent custom to invite the young people to engage in singing exercises during the week, by which means a knowledge of music was developed and fresh material furnished for the large choir. In 1852 the viols and violins were discarded for a melodeon. Neither leader nor player received compensation in those days; but at the close of his decade of service, the Doctor was taken by surprise at the close of the service one Sabbath evening by the presentation of a large family Bible and a silver cup on the behalf of the congregation, as a testimonial of regard. Prior to that Charles Knight, now an M. D. in Peekskill, N. Y., was presented with a silk hat by Major Morgan, for his faithful service at the melodeon. In due time the melodeon gave place to a small organ, which furnished instrumental music until the present pipe organ was procured. Charles Breckenridge succeeded Dr. Holbrook as director of music and organist, for which he received about forty dollars per year as compensation. As recalled, his successors were Alvin Hastings, H. P. Holden, Jerre Dutton, O. L. Slader, Penn Tyler, W. F. Miller, C. F. Orcutt, C. A. Brown, Mrs. H. E. Huntley and Mrs. Rufus Flynt. During these years the make-up of the choir has vacelated between the chorus and quartette, but has always maintained a high degree of excellence.

> MEMBERS OF THE CHOIR FOR 1894-95. Mrs. Rufus Flynt, Director.

Mrs. Rufus Flynt, Contralto. Mr. H. W. McGregory, Tenor,

Miss Georgia Packard, Soprano. Mr. C. H. Clark, Bass, succeeded by J. M. Newell; he by C. F. Orcutt. Mrs. W. H. Small, Organist.



THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR.

This society was organized November 21, 1886, mainly through the efforts of Rev. H. W. Pope, soon after his settlement as pastor, and remains a pleasing legacy of his work among us. It has been a success from the beginning, and has proved a valuable auxiliary to the church, having for its object to promote an earnest Christian life among its members, to increase their mutual acquaintance, and to make them more useful in the service of God. The society numbers 54 active, 23 associate and 16 honorary members. Its presidents have been H. B. Knox, 1886–87–88, 1892–93; Dr. G. H. Wilkins, 1889; C. W. Bennett, 1889–90–91; A. W. Thayer, 1894; Miss Anna Fisherdick, 1894–95.

OFFICERS FOR 1895.

President, Miss Anna Fisherdick; vice president, Dr. G. H. Wilkins; corresponding secretary, Mrs. L. E. Chandler; recording secretary, Mrs. W. Bodfish; treasurer, Louis K. Cross.

JUNIOR SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR.

This society was organized Feb. 11, 1894, as a branch of the Senior Society, with the same objects in view, modified to meet the needs of younger members. The society is meeting with success, and should be encouraged, for it has great possibilities in store. It has 20 active and three trial members.

OFFICERS FOR 1895.

Superintendent, Mrs. A. W. Thayer; assistant superintendent, Miss Blanche Ramsden; president, Helen Jenkins; vice president, Lizzie Holden; secretary, John Milligan; treasurer, Jennie Bray.

THE SENIOR CIRCLE OF KING'S DAUGHTERS.

This society was organized January 31, 1893, with Miss Helen Cobb for president. Its object is to develop spiritual life and to stimulate Christian activity: to minister to the wants, needs and comfort of others, and contribute to philanthropic work. The society has 10 members.

OFFICERS FOR 1895.

President, Mrs. W. W. Bodfish; secretary, Miss Julia A. Allen; treasurer, Miss Carrie Roper,



MEN'S SUNDAY EVENING CLUB

Was organized November 26, 1893. Its object is to raise funds and do personal work to promote the efficiency of the Sunday evening services. The officers are elected semi-annually and its committees are chosen quarterly. The presidents have been L. H. Gager, O. P. Allen and J. B. Shaw.

OFFICERS FOR FIRST HALF OF 1895.

President, J. C. Wing; vice president, D. L. Bodfish; secretary, H. N. Sedgwick; treasurer, G. H. Hastings.

CONSTITUTION.

VRTICLE 1, - NAME,

The name of this Association shall be "The Men's Sunday Evening Club of the Second Congregational Church of Paimer."

ARTICLE II. - OBJECT.

The object of this Association shall be to increase the interest and effectiveness of the Sunday Evening service, and such other auxiliary work as may from time to time seem appropriate.

ARTICLE III. — MEMBERSHIP.

Any man may become a member of this Club by giving his name to the Secretary or any member of the Membership Committee, and by paying one dollar at his convenience.

ARTICLE IV. — OFFICERS.

The officers of this Association shall be a President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer, who shall hold their office for six months.

ARTICLE V. — COMMITTEES.

The Officers of the Club shall appoint the following Committees, who shall serve three months, beginning with the second Sunday of the next month after appointment:

- 1. A Committee on Worship, who, with the Pastor, shall furnish the general plan for each evening service.
- 2. A Committee on Music, who, with the organist and chorister, shall see that the evening service is provided with appropriate vocal and instrumental music.



- 3. A Committee on Ushering and Welcoming the evening congregations.
- 4. A Committee on Invitation, whose duty it shall be to see that the evening service is sufficiently advertised, invite strangers and other non-attendants of any church, to the evening service, and to attend to all printed matter and newspaper notices.
- 5. A Finance Committee, whose duty it shall be to provide for the extra funds necessary to the success of the Sunday evening services.
- 6. A Committee on Membership, whose duty shall be to secure new members.
 - 7. Such other committees as may be appropriate from time to time.

ARTICLE VI. -- MEETINGS.

Stated meetings shall be held on the last Sunday evening of each month at 5 p. m., in the social rooms of the church. Special meetings may be called when necessary by the President.

ARTICLE VII. - AMENDMENTS.

This Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of those present at any regular meeting.

THE LADIES' BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.

This society was organized in 1856, for the purpose of aiding various enterprises of a benevolent nature. It has raised and paid out for various worthy objects since its organization, the sum of \$8612.

OFFICERS FOR 1895.

President, Mrs. L. E. Child; vice president, Mrs. Jason Palmer; secretary, Mrs. J. C. Wing; treasurer, Mrs. J. B. Shaw.

THE LEND-A-HAND CLUB

Was organized November 6, 1893, for the purpose of a working club connected with the Ladies' Benevolent Society. It has paid over its receipts to said society during the year to the amount of \$126.61, which is a good proof of its success.

OFFICERS FOR 1894-95.

President, Mrs. C. L. Gardner; vice president, Mrs. C. B. Ellis; secretary and treasurer, Mrs. J. S. Sedgwick.



THE ECCLESIASTICAL SOCIETY.

The Ecclesiastical Society connected with the church was organized April 30, 1847, by thirty gentlemen, as follows: John B. Blanchard, A. N. Dewey, Abner Allen, W. J. Blanchard, J. D. Blanchard, Franklin Blanchard, A. C. Billings, John Brooks, Daniel Converse, James Keith, J. P. Keep, Ephraim Allen, Benjamin Cönverse, Hiram Converse, Lebeus Chapin, A. C. Merrick, John Bowles, S. L. Fleming, Lambert Allen, Abner Blodgett, Azel Brakenridge, Arza Blodgett, Isaac King, W. C. Child, Harvey Smith, Cyrus Knox, A. V. Blanchard, C. Torry, Wilson Brainard, W. N. Prime. All the above are dead, or have removed, except Mr. Franklin Blanchard.

This society owns the church edifice and parsonage, and provides for the current expenses of maintaining public worship, and has had these clerks since its organization, viz: Samuel L. Fleming, 1847–48: A. Blodgett, 1849–1854; David Knox, 1854 to 1891; O. P. Allen, 1892 to the present. The annual meetings are held on the second Monday in January.

OFFICERS FOR 1895.

Parish Committee — J. B. Shaw, G. H. Hastings, F. D. Barton: clerk, O. P. Allen: treasurer, W. R. Milligan; sexton, H. L. Gray.

WORSHIP.

REGULAR SERVICES.

Sunday, 10.45 a. m., Family Service.

11.55 a. m., Bible Study.

3.30 p. m., Junior Endeavor Meeting.

6.00 p. m., Y. P. S. C. E. Meeting.

7.00 p. m., General Services, in care of Men's Sunday Evening Club.

Tuesday, 7.30 p. m., Learners' and Workers' Class.

Thursday, 7.30 p. m., Church Prayer Meeting.

Communion, first Sunday of January and of alternate months.

Preparatory Service on the Thursday evening before Communion.

BENEFICIARIES.

Collections in this church were first instituted April 20, 1855, and from that time to 1878 were effected by special collectors, who were given



specified portions of the town to canvass. In 1878 the envelope plan and weekly voluntary offering was adopted, and continued in vogue until the present year (1895), when a new and more acceptable plan has been devised and adopted, by which the offerings of the first and third Sundays in each month will be devoted to defraying the expenses of the church. The offerings of the second Sunday in each month will be under the direction of the advisory committee; those of the fourth Sunday will be devoted to the different missionary societies as designated by vote of the church each year, and the offerings of the fifth Sunday will be under the advisory committee. By this plan it is hoped all requirements will be met. Our church has always been noted for its benefactions. Not a year passes without the shipment of valuable boxes of clothing to help the needy in the South or West, and no doubt this spirit of Christian sympathy will always continue.

FORM OF ADMISSION.

CONFESSION OF FAITH.

What shall I render unto the Lord for all his benefits toward me? I will take the cup of salvation, and call upon the name of the Lord. I will pay my vows unto the Lord now in the presence of all his people.

Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father, which is in heaven. But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father, which is in heaven.

For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

Dearly beloved, called of God to be his children through Jesus Christ our Lord, you are here that, in the presence of God and his people, you may enter into the fellowship and communion of his church. You do truly repent of your sins; you heartily receive Jesus Christ as your crucified Saviour and risen Lord; you consecrate yourselves unto God and your life to his service; you accept his Word as your law, and his Spirit as your comforter and guide; and trusting in his grace to confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, you promise to do God's holy will, and to walk with this church in the truth and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Accepting, according to the measure of your understanding of it, the system of Christian truth held by the churches of our faith and order, and by this church into whose fellowship you now enter, you join with ancient



saints, with the Church throughout the world, and with us, your fellow-believers, in humbly and heartily confessing your taith in the gospel, saying:—

I believe in God the FATHER Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary; suffered under Pontias Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; the third day He rose from the dead; He ascended into heaven; and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church, the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

[Then should haptism be administered to those who have not been baptized. Then should those rise who would unite with the church by letter. To them the minister should say:]

Confessing the Lord whom we unitedly worship, you do now renew your self-consecration, and join with us cordially in this, our Christian faith and covenant.

[The members of the church present should rise.]

We welcome you into our fellowship. We promise to watch over you with Christian love. God grant that, loving and being loved, serving and being served, blessing and being blessed, we may be prepared, while we dwell together on earth, for the perfect communion of the saints in heaven.

"Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ: to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen."

CONFESSION OF FAITH.

1. We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible;

And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who is of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made;

And in the 11 by Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life, who is sent from the Lather and Son, and who together with the Lather and Son is wor hipped and shoulded.



- 11. We believe that the Providence of God, by which he executes his eternal purposes in the government of the world, is in and over all events; yet so that the freedom and responsibility of man are not impaired, and sin is the act of the creature alone.
- 111. We believe that man was made in the image of God, that he might know, love, and obey God, and enjoy him forever; that our first parents by disobedience rell under the rightcons condemnation of God; and that all men are so alienated from God that there is no salvation from the guilt and power of sin except through God's redeeming grace.
- IV. We believe that God would have all men return to him: that to this end he has made lumselt known, not only through the works of nature, the course of his Providence, and the consciences of men, but also through supernatural revelations made especially to a chosen people, and above all, when the fullness of time was come, through Jesus Christ his Son.
- V. We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the record of God's revelations of limiselt in the work of redemption; that they were written by men under the special guidance of the Holy Spirit; that they are able to make wise unto salvation; and that they constitute the authoritarive standard by which religious teaching and human conduct are to be regulated and judged.
- VI. We believe that the love of God to sinful men has found its highest expression in the redemptive work of his Son; who became man, uniting his divine nature with our human nature in one person; who was tempted like other men, yet without sin; who, by his humiliation, his holy obedience, his sufterings, his death on the cross, and his resurrection, became a perfect Redeemer; whose sacrifice of himself for the sins of the world declares the righteousness of God, and is the sole and sufficient ground of forgiveness and of reconciliation with him.
- VII. We believe that Jesus Christ, after he had rise u from the dead, ascended into heaven, where, as the one Mediator between. God and main, he carries forward his work of saving men; that he sends the Holy Spirit to convict them of sin, and to lead them to repentance and faith), and that those who through renewing grace turn to righte aisness, and trust in Jesus Christ as their Redeemer, receive for his sake the forgiveness of their sins, and are made the children of God.
- VIII. We believe that those who are thus regenerated and justified grow in sanctified character through tellowship with Christ, the indwelling of the Holy Sprint, and obedience to the fruit; that a holy life is the fruit and evidence of saxing both; and that the believer's hope of continuance in such a life is in the preserving grace of God.
- 1X. We believe that Jesus Christ came to establish among men the kingdom of God, the reign of truth and love, righteousness and peace; that to Jesus Cluist, the Head of this kingdom, Christians are directly responsible in farth and conduct; and that to him all have immediate access without mediatorial or priestly intervention.
- N. We believe that the church of Christ, invisible and spritted, comprises all true behevers, whose duty it is to associate themselves in churches, for the maintenance of worship, for the promotion of spritted growth and fellowship, and for the conversion of men; that these churches, under the guidance of the Holy Scriptures and in fellowship with one another, may determine each for uself—then organization, statements of behef, and forms of worship; may appoint and set apart their own ministers, and should cooperate in the work which Christ has committed to them for the intherance of the gospel throughout the world.
- XI. We believe in the observance of the Lord's Day as a day of holy rest and worship; in the ministry of the Word; and in the two Sacraments which Christ has appointed for his Church; Bapti-in, to be administered to believers and their children, as a sign of cleansing from sin, of union to Christ, and of the impartation of the Holy Spirit; and the Lord's Supper, as a symbol of his atoning death, a seal of its efficacy, and a means whereby he confirms and strengthens the spiritual union and communion of believers with himself.
- XII. We believe in the ultimate prevalence of the kingdom of Christ over all the earth; in the glotious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ; in the resurrection of the dead; and in a final jindgment, the issues of which are everlasting punishment and everlasting hie,



Constitution and By=Laws.

CONSTITUTION.

The Constitution of this Church is the Bible.

BY-LAWS.

ARTICLE 1. NAME.

* The name of this Church shall be THE SECOND CONGREGATIONAL CHERCH of Palmer, Mass.

ARTICLE 11. POLITY.

In polity this church shall be Congregational, and its understanding of Christian truth shall be in accordance with the doctrines held by the Congregational churches of the United States, substantially as set forth by a committee of the National Council thereof in the year 1883 (See Creed, section X).

ARTICLE III. MUMBERSHIP.

Section 1. Any person of hopeful Christian experience desiring to unite with this church on confession of faith, shall first be examined by the advisory committee; and, if found satisfactory, shall be propounded at least one week previous to being received, voted on at the next preparatory service, and, if approved by vote of the church, may be received at any subsequent stated communion service by assenting to the Confession of Faith and Covenant connected with the creed of the church, and shall be baptized, if that rite has not been previously administered, the mode of baptism to be chosen by the candidate.

Section 2. Any person desiring to unite with this church by letter from another church shall first be passed upon by the advisory committee, and, if approved by them, shall be propoun led and voted upon as in the case of those uniting on confession of faith, and shall be received according to our regular Form of Admission.

Section 3. No person shall be entitled to vote except resident members of twenty-one years of age and upwards in full standing and not holding letters of dismission.

Section 4. All letters of dismission from the church and recommendation to another, shall be given by vote of the church at any regular service on recommendation of the advisory committee, and shall be signed by the clerk of the church.

Section 5. Any member regularly attending church elsewhere is expected under all ordinary circumstances to connect himself with that



church. Any member of this church absenting himself regularly from religious services at this church for two consecutive years without giving to the advisory committee a satisfactory explanation, shall be placed on the list of absent members. This list shall be read at each annual meeting, and on the fourth reading, being three years from the time any name is read, if the church has received no satisfactory explanation, the watch and fellowship of the church may, by vote of the church, be withdrawn; and the clerk shall so record it. Whenever such member shall appear before the church, or report to it, giving satisfactory reasons for absence or delinquency, he may, by vote of the church, be reinstated.

Section 6. All members shall be subject to Congregational discipline, (See Article IX).

ARTICLE IV. OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES.

Section 1. (a) The officers of this church shall be Pastor and Teacher, Deacons, Clerk, Sunday School Superintendent, Treasurer, Auditor, Advisory Committee and Executive Committee; all of whom, except the Pastor and Deacons, shall be elected annually by ballot; and such other officers and committees as may be from time to time appointed.

- (b) The Pastor and Teacher in office at the time of incorporation shall continue in office according to the terms of his call and installation. Whenever there shall be a vacancy in this office the church may proceed to fill it in whatever way it may elect in accordance with Congregational usage.
- (c) The number of Deacons shall be four. At the first election the four shall be elected to hold office until the next annual meeting, when one shall be elected for one year, one for two years, one for three years and one for four years, and thereafter one shall be elected annually for a term of four years.
- Section 2. Duties of Officers. (a) *The Pastor and Teacher*. He shall perform the duties usually pertaining to that office, and shall ordinarily preside at all meetings except the annual business meeting and special business meetings. He shall have full control of the pulpit.
- (b) Deacons. They shall assist the Pastor at the communion services, provide for the communion table, administer the funds for the poor of the church, have charge of the religious services of the church in the Pastor's vacations and in case of a vacancy in the pastorate, unless these are provided for in other regular ways, and perform such other duties as usually pertain to this office in Congregational churches.
 - (c) Clerk. He shall be sworn on entering office. He shall keep a



record of all business meetings of the church and of the advisory committee, a roll of the members, with the date and mode of admission, dismission or death of members, a list of baptisms, and shall perform all other duties that pertain to the office.

- (d) Sunday School Superintendent. He shall be the chief executive officer of the Sunday School, and shall perform all the duties pertaining to that office.
- (e) Treasurer. He shall have charge of all moneys belonging to the church, and shall perform all duties pertaining to the office.
- (f) Auditor. He shall audit the accounts of the treasurer before the annual meeting.

Section 3. Committees. (a) The Advisory Committee. (1) It shall consist of the following members: The Pastor, the Deacons, the Clerk, the Sunday School Superintendent, the Presidents or Superintendents of such other organizations as may be recognized by vote of the church as auxiliary in its Spiritual work, and five other persons who shall be elected by the church. (2) All members of the Advisory Committee must be members of the church. (3) This Committee shall meet at least once a month. (4) It shall keep constant watch over the Spiritual interests of the church and be considered an advisor in all departments of church work. (5) This Committee shall annually, in the month of December, in preparation for the annual meeting, review the roll of members, making ascertainment of absentees and securing information for any needful discipline.

(b) Executive Committee. (1) This Committee shall consist of three members, all of whom shall be members of the church. (2) It shall have charge of all the property of the church, and shall appropriate and expend all moneys contributed by and for the church, subject only to the church by vote in its annual business meeting, or in a regularly called special business meeting—the appropriation and spending of funds contributed for the poor of the church and for the expenses of the communion table, being excepted as hereinbefore provided, as also the funds of the Sunday School as provided in Article VI.

Section 4. The church may appoint such other committees and officers in whatever manner it shall elect, as may from time to time be voted.

Section 5. The Clerk, Sunday School Superintendent, Treasurer, Auditor and Presidents of such other organizations recognized as auxiliary to the church shall make written reports to the annual business meeting of the church.



Section 6. Vacancies occurring in any office may be filled at any business meeting of the church.

ARTICLE V. MEETINGS.

Section 1. Religious Meetings. This church shall assemble on the Christian Sabbath at such hours as it may appoint, for the public worship of God, for mutual instruction and encouragement, and on the first Sabbath of January, March, May, July, September and November for the reception of members and for the observance of the Sacraments. It shall also meet for stated prayer meetings, preparatory services, and for such other services as the members may deem best.

Section 2. Annual Business Meeting. (a) The annual business meeting shall be held on the Thursday following the last Sunday of the year, the members having been notified thereof by a seven days' written notice, signed by the clerk and posted in a conspicuous place in the vestibule of the church building. (b) At this meeting reports from all departments of the church work shall be read and officers elected according to Article IV of these By-Laws. (c) The order of business at this meeting shall be as follows:

- 1. The meeting shall be called to order by the clerk, or if he is absent, by some member of the executive committee.
 - 2. A moderator shall be elected by ballot.
 - 3. Prayer.
 - 4. Roll call.
 - 5. Reading of minutes.
 - 6. Report of clerk.
 - 7. Report of Sunday School superintendent.
 - 8. Reports of treasurer and auditor.
 - 9. Report of advisory committee.
 - 10. Report of executive committee.
 - 11. Other reports.
 - 12. Election of officers.
 - 13. Appropriations.
 - 14. Any other business that may come before the meeting.
 - 15. Adjournment.
- (d) Officers shall enter upon their duties immediately after the adjournment of this meeting, and, except the Pastor and deacons, shall hold office until the close of the next annual business meeting and until their successors are chosen and qualified. (e) All officers elected at the meeting at which these By-Laws are adopted shall hold office until the first annual meeting thereafter and until their successors are duly qualified.



Section 3. Special Business Meetings. These shall be called by the Pastor from the pulpit or in the printed calendar, or by the advisory committee, or by the clerk through a seven days' notice posted in the usual place in the vestibule of the church building, when requested in writing by five members.

Section 4. At all its business meetings the church shall by ballot elect a moderator to preside at the meeting.

Section 5. Business not connected with the finances of the church may be transacted on any mid-week prayer meeting by giving notice of the same on the previous Sunday from the pulpit or through the printed calendar. The appointment of delegates and the granting of letters of dismission may be done at any meeting of the church, religious or business, without notice in advance.

Section 6. Quorum. Ten members of the church shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at the annual business meeting or at a special business meeting, and at all other meetings those present shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE VI. SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Section 1. Officers. The officers of the Sunday School shall be the Pastor, Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent, Superintendent of the Junior Department, Superintendent of the Home Department, Secretary and Treasurer, who shall rank as Assistant Church Treasurer, and Librarian, all of whom shall be elected by the church.

Section 2. These officers, together with two teachers elected by the school, shall be the executive committee of the Sunday School, of which the superintendent shall be chairman and chief executive officer. This committee shall hold monthly meetings, and shall meet at other times on call of the superintendent.

Section 3. The annual report of the treasurer of the Sunday School shall be included in the annual report of the treasurer of the church, and the accounts of the treasurer of the Sunday School shall be audited by the auditor of the church as a part of the regular treasurer's report.

Section 4. The church shall determine by vote how the Sunday School shall be supported each year.

Section 5. The executive committee of the Sunday School shall have general charge of the interests of the school, and shall administer the funds of the school, subject to change by vote of the church.

Section 6. The appointment of teachers and all the executive details shall be in the hands of the superintendent.



ARTICLE VII. AUXILIARIES.

Section 1. Any society connected with the church may be made auxiliary to the church by vote of the church.

Section 2. Auxiliaries shall be divided into two classes — auxiliaries for spiritual work and auxiliaries for financial help.

Section 3. All auxiliaries shall have a right to the use of the facilities of the church, subject always to adjustment by the advisory committee.

ARTICLE VIII. CONTRIBUTIONS.

Contributions shall be taken up for missionary and benevolent purposes at such times and in such a manner as the advisory committee may approve, subject to change by vote of the church.

ARTICLE IX. DISCIPLINE.

Section 1. In private grievances the rule in Matt. 18:15-17 must be applied: "And if thy brother sin against thee, go show him his fault between thee and him alone; if he hear thee, thou hast gained thy brother. But if he hear thee not, take with thee one or two more, that at the mouth of two witnesses or three every word may be established. And if he refuse to hear them, tell it unto the church: and if he refuse to hear the church also, let him be unto thee as the gentile and the publican."

Section 2. In public scandal or gross breach of covenant the advisory committee, without expressing its judgment, shall bring the case to the notice of the church in writing.

Section 3. In all cases brought before the church the charges shall be made in writing, and a copy of the same shall, in all cases where it is possible, be furnished the accused, who shall be given opportunity for a tull hearing, provided such a hearing can be had.

Section 4. The discipline of the church may include public admonitions, suspension from church privileges, or ex-communication, according to the aggravation of the offense.

Section 5. When the gravity of the case seems to warrant or require, the church shall agree to call a mutual council of churches to advise in the matter.

ARTICLE X. SUSPENSION AND AMENDMENT.

Section 1. These By-Laws may be suspended by a vote of two-thirds of the members present at any meeting.

Section 2. These By-Laws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of members present and voting at any business meeting, in the call for which notice of the proposed amendment has been given.



Intellectual Life of Our Church.

HILE the Spiritual life of every church is the first and most important factor to be fostered, yet the very next thing to be considered and encouraged is intelligence by means of liberal education furnished by our higher institutions of learning. The founders of our church did not all have the advantages now afforded for learning beyond the common school, but they were men and women of strong common sense and of more than average ability. Their descendants, and the more recent members of the church and Sunday School, have been more fortunate in some respects, in that they live in a time when broader avenues have opened for intellectual development.

The town high school has been elevated to a higher plane, and the lesser schools have arisen in sympathy with it, by which means the youthful mind has been quickened and given an impetus not known to former days, so that in the two last decades we count the college, academic and high school graduates from our society by scores, as against the meager few in all former years. The number of those who have been connected with our church or Sunday school who have had a collegiate, academic or high school education is quite notable, so it has been thought best to give a list, which has been made as complete as possible; if any names have been omitted, it has not been intentional, but for want of knowledge of the fact.

Nearly all whose names appear in the following lists were graduates, save a few who were educated before the system of graduating was adopted in academies and high schools, or in a few instances where a full course of study was not taken for some good reason.

List of Graduates before their connection with our Church or Sunday School:

Andrews, Dea. Amos, Westfield Normal. Andrews, Mrs. Amos, Westfield Normal. Allen, Orrin P., Chester Academy, Vermont. Bradford, Rev. J. H., Amherst College. Breckenridge, Mrs. Harriet E., Westfield Normal.



Brewster, John M., M. D., Berkshire Medical School.

Bodfish, David L., Wareham High School.

Bodfish, Mrs. Winnifred W., Maine Wesleyan Seminary and Female College.

Blanchard, A. V., Dudley and Monson Academies.

Blanchard, Mrs. Cornelia H. M., Wilbraham Academy.

Clarke, Gardner, M. D., Bowdoin College.

Cady, Mrs. Eva, Boston University.

Chandler, L. E., Rockford, Ill., High School.

Chandler, Mrs. Emma L., Monson Academy.

Cross, Dr. Cyrus W., Wilbraham Academy. Cross, Mrs. Charlotte E., Wilbraham Academy.

Cowles, Dea. James, Caledonia (Vt.) Grammar School.

Downing, Alfred C., M. D. (?)

Doubleday, C. A., Amherst Coflege.

Fullerton, Rev. Dr. Bradford M., Amherst College and Andover Theological Seminary.

Fullerton, Mrs. Julia M., The Oread Institute, Worcester.

Fisherdick, Mrs. Eunice M., Mt. Holyoke Seminary.

Foster, Charles D., Quaboag Academy, Warren.

Gardner, Mrs. Esther, Monson Academy.

Holbrook, William, M. D., New York University.

Holbrook, Mrs. Clara, Mt. Holyoke Seminary.

Hosmer, Frank A., Amherst College.

Hunter, Rev. Dr. Pleasant, Boston University and Hartford Theological Seminary.

Hunter, Mrs. Alice E., Hartford High School.

Hellyar, Samuel H., Leicester Military Academy.

Huntley, Mrs. H. E., Abbott's Academy, Andover.

Hastings, Mrs. Almina, Wilbraham Academy.

Holden, John, Wilbraham Academy.

Holden, Mrs. John, Hartford High School.

Holden, Henry P., Wilbraham Academy.

Holden, Mrs. Henry P., Southbridge High School.

Holden, Daniel F., Hartford High School. Hart, Mrs. Anna, Hartford High School.

Jenkins, Rev. Frank E., Williams College and Hartford Theological Seminary.

Jenkins, Mrs. Sarah E., Hartford High School.

Knox, Horatio B., Colby University.

Lyon, Edwin B., M. D., Berkshire Medical School.

Lacey, Mrs. Catherine, Mt. Holyoke Seminary.

Learned, Mrs. Amelia, Wilbraham Academy.

Marsh, Miss Mary E., Abbott's Female Seminary, Andover.

Pope, Rev. Howard W., Yale University and Yale Theological School.

Pope, Mrs. Elizabeth H., Hartford High School.

Park, Dea. Alfred E., Powers Institute, Bernardston.



Rogers, Miss Addie L., Monson Academy.

Strong, Mrs. Lizzie, Wilbraham Academy,

Thayer, Alfred W., Weslevan University.

Taft, Miss Addie, Castleton Normal.

Taft, Miss Fannie, Castleton Normal. Vaill, D. D., Rev. Joseph, Vale University.

Vaill, Rev. William K., Amherst College.

Vaill, Rev. Henry M., Amherst College.

Wilson, Rev. Thomas, Dartmouth College and Andover Theological Seminary.

Wilkins, George H., M. D., New York Homeopathic College.

Wilkins, Mrs. Sadie S., Wellesley College.

Whiting, W. H., Amherst College.

Wallis, Mrs. Hattie E., Brimfield High School.

Wallis, Miss Abbie J., Brimfield High School.

List of Graduates after connection with our Church or Sunday School.

Andrews, Miss Grace, Bridgewater Normal School.

Allen, Walter S., Mitchell's Boys' School, Billerica.

Allen, Miss Julia A., Palmer High School and Westfield Normal.

Allen, Miss Lillie M., Palmer High School and Westfield Normal.

Breckenridge, Dea. William A., Newark City Normal.

Breckenridge, William E., Yale University.

Barton, Mrs. Anna, Wellesley College.

Brown, Harry H., Amherst College.

Burleigh, Miss Inez, Smith College.

Burleigh, Miss Marcia, Wilbraham Academy.

Burleigh, Miss Julia, Wilbraham Academy.

Blanchard, Miss Hattie M., Brimfield High School.

Brainerd, Miss Jennie E., Palmer High School.

Bray, Miss Charlotte L., Palmer High School.

Brainerd, Mrs. Martha, Brimfield High School.

Bickford, Mrs. Alice (Holden), Wellesley College.

Cobb, George H., Leigh University.

Calkins, Mrs. Lucia E., Wilbraham Academy.

Cross, Chester, Wilbraham Academy.

Clark, M. D., Gardner, Bowdoin College.

Cross, Louis K., Palmer High School.

Dewey, James, Phillips Academy.

Ellis, Mrs. Clara B., Monson and Wilbraham Academies.

Fullerton, William M., Harvard University. Fullerton, Robert M., Harvard University.

Fisherdick, Cyrus W., Amherst Agricultural College.

Fisherdick, Miss Anna L., Mt. Holyoke College.

Foster, Charles D., Quaboag Academy, Warren.

Foster, Henry D., Ware High School.

Foster, Miss Helen S., Ware High School,



Foster, Mrs. John, Monson Academy.

Gardner, Charles G., Amherst College.

Goldthwaite, Mrs. Helen L., (Cobb) Mt. Holyoke Seminary.

Gamwell, Albert A., Monson Academy. Gamwell, Miss Mary, Monson Academy. Gardner, Edwin S., Palmer High School.

Gamwell, Chas. F., Monson, and Worcester Academies.

Holbrook, William E., M. D., Amherst College and Harvard Medical School.

Holbrook, Miss Idella, Miss Williard's Ladies' School, Andover.

Hellyar, Mrs. Lizzie G., Mt. Holyoke Seminary.

Holden, Mrs. Mary, (Loomis) Ladies' School, Springfield.

Holden, Henry L., Phillips Academy.

Holden, George S., University of Michigan.

Holden, Arthur, Wesleyan University.

Huntley, Miss Ella G., Palmer High School. Hunt, Charles, (died while at Tutts College.) Holmes, Miss Alice, Palmer High School.

Hall, Mrs. Lena M., Palmer High School. Hunt, Miss Anna, Palmer High School.

Judd, W. E., Amherst College.

Knox, J. K., Monson Academy. Kendall, Mrs. Phoebe, (Smith) Palmer High School.

King, Helen, Geneva Academy. Lacey, Miss Caroline, Smith College.

Lacey, Miss Hattie L., Palmer High School and Smith College.

Lacey, Edward N., Amherst College.

Lawson, Mrs. Sarah M., Wilbraham Academy.

Lawrence, Mrs. Harriet, Quaboag Academy, Warren.

Lawrence, Mrs. Laura P., (Blanchard) Westfield Normal.

Loomis, Miss Clara, Palmer High School. Loomis, Henry, Palmer High School.

Lyon, Mrs. Charlotte (Ward) Geneva Academy.

May, Mrs. Emily (Dewey) Parson's Ladies' School, Greenfield.

Moore, Miss Bessie, Palmer High School.

Milligan, Mrs. Ida G., Brimfield High School.

Page, Mrs. Fanny, LaSalle Seminary, Parks, Samuel S., Amherst College, Parks, Jessie, Palmer High School.

Park, Miss Christa M., Palmer High School. Park, Miss Lilian G., Palmer High School. Ramsden, Miss Blanche, Palmer High School.

Shaw, Miss Effic G., Wellesley College.

Shaw, Miss Anna T., Boston Conservatory of Music.

Stimson, Cyrus W., Colby University.

Strong, Homer C., Amherst College and Harvard Law School,

Sedgwick, J. S., Eastmann Business College.



Sedgwick, Mrs. Julia, Palmer High School.

Sedgwick, Miss Mary E., Quaboag Academy, Warren.

Sedgwick, Miss Mabel J., Mt. Holyoke College. Stoughton, John, Military School on the Hudson.

Shaw, Mrs. Lydia, Palmer High School.

Sharpe, Miss Lelah M., Palmer High School.

Shanks, Byron C., Palmer High School.

Studley, Miss Flora C., Palmer High School.

Shaw, James Harold, Palmer High School.

Shearer, Mrs. Jane, Hadley Academy.

Sistaire, Mrs. Cora (Brown) Palmer High School.

Tuthill, Rev. Charles J., Boston University and Andover Theological Seminary.

Wing, Miss Ada, Wellesley College.

Whiting, Mrs. Mary (Dewey) Palmer High School.

Teachers who have been members of our Church or Sunday School and where they taught school.

Allen, Orrin P., Windham, Cavendish and Vernon, Vt., and Hackensack, N. I.

Abbe, Miss Alice L., Palmer.

Breckenridge, Azel, Palmer.

Breckenridge, Dea. W. A., Newark, N. J., 1854 to 1886.

Breckenridge, William E., Newburg, N. J., and Hanesford, Pa.

Breckenridge, Mrs. Harriet E., Monson.

Burleigh, Miss Inez, Palmer, Powers Institute and Holbrook, Mass.

Burleigh, Mrs. Marcia L., Wilbraham Academy.

Burleigh, Miss Julia A., Palmer.

Brown, Harry H., Poughkeepsie, N. Y.

Brown, Miss Alice W., Palmer and Warren.

Blanchard, Miss H. M., Palmer.

Bodfish, Mrs. Winnifred W., Anson Academy and Wareham High School.

Blanchard, Mrs. Cornelia H. M. Alabama and Massachusetts.

Cady, Mrs. Eva, Palmer.

Coleman, Mrs. Susan, Palmer.

Cowles, Dea. James, Haverhill, N. II.

Doubleday, C. A., Palmer High School.

Duncan, Miss Mary, Monson.

Fisherdick, Mrs. Eunice, Michigan, Indiana, Vermont and Massachusetts. Fisherdick, Miss Anna L., Palmer High School and Shadron Academy.

Foster, Charles D., Palmer and Belchertown.

Fullerton, Mrs. Julia M., East Tenn. Female Institute in Knoxville, The Female College, Worcester.

Gardner, Mrs. Esther, Palmer.

Goldthwaite, Mrs. Helen (Cobb) Palmer High School,

Gilchrist, Mrs. Georgia, Palmer.

Hart, Mrs. Anna P., Palmer.



Holbrook, Mrs. Clara, Boston and Middletown.

Hosmer, Frank A., Palmer High School, Great Barrington High School, now President of Honolulu College.

Holden, Mrs. H. P., Southbridge.

Hellvar, Mrs. Lizzie G., Palmer.

Hatch, Mrs. Hattie, Palmer.

Henshaw, Mrs. Marian, Palmer.

Huntley, Mrs. H. E., Hartford High School.

Holmes, Miss Alice, Southbridge.

Jenkins, Rev. Frank E., Windsor, N. Y., Middletown, N. Y., South Lee Night School, Cheshire High School, Mass., Williamsburg Academy, Ky.

Jenkins, Mrs. Sarah E., Coventry and Columbia, Ct.

Judd, William E., Holyoke High School.

King, Miss Helen, Palmer.

King, Mrs. Sophia Ella, Palmer.

Kendall, Mrs. Phoebe (Smith) Palmer.

Lawson, Mrs. Sarah M., Palmer.

Lacey, Miss Caroline E., Monson and Saxon's River Academy.

Lacey, Miss Harriet L., Art School, Boston.

Lawrence, Mrs. Laura P., Palmer.

Learned, Mrs. Amelia, Belchertown.

Marsh, Miss Mary E., Palmer.

Page, Mrs. Fanny, Cuba, the South and New York.

Pope, Mrs. Elizabeth, Palmer.

Park, Miss Christa M., Palmer and Hinsdale, N. H.

Rogers, Miss Addie L., Palmer, Hingham, Springfield and Albany Academy.

Rice, Mrs. Nancy J., Monson.

Strong, Mrs. Lucia, Palmer. Strong, Homer C., Palmer and Boston.

Stimson, Cyrus W., Portland High School.

Sedgwick, Mrs. Julia E., Palmer.

Sedgwick, Miss Mable J., Shadron Academy and Palmer.

Sistaire, Mrs. Cora, (Brown) Palmer.

Thayer, Alfred W., Palmer High School and Westboro High School.

Taft, Miss Ida, Palmer and Burlington.

Taft, Miss Fannie, Palmer and Castleton, Vt.

Tuthill, Miss Carrie, Palmer. Vaille, Rev. W. K., Palmer.

Whitney, H. M., Palmer High School.

Whiting, W. H., Palmer High School, Amherst High School and Greenfield High School.

Wing, Miss Ada G., Western Female Seminary, Oxford, O., and Monson Academy.

Wilkins, Mrs. Sadie S., Palmer High School.

Wallis, Miss Hattie, Palmer.

Wallis, Miss Abbie J., Palmer.

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Ward, Mrs. Sarah, (Knox) Palmer.

List of Ministers who have been members of our Church.

Bradford, Rev. J. H.
Fullerton, Rev. Dr. B. M.
Hunter, Rev. Dr. Pleasant.
Jenkins, Rev. Frank E.
Pope, Rev. Howard W.

Tuthill, Rev. Chas. J. Vaille, Rev. Dr. Joseph. Vaille, Rev. William K. Vaille, Rev. Henry M. Wilson, Rev. Thomas.

List of Physicians who have been members of our Church or Sunday School.

Brewster, John M., now of Pittsfield. Clark, Gardner, now of Niagara. Downing, Alfred C., deceased. Holbrook, William, now of Palmer. Holbrook, William E., now of Lynn. Lyon, Edward B., now of New Britain, Ct. Warren, J. K., now of Worcester. Wilkins, George H., now of Palmer.

List of Lawyers who have been members of our Church or Sunday School.

Fisherdick, Cyrus W., now of Lincoln, Neb. Gardner, Charles G., now of Palmer. Lacey, Edward N., now of Harvard Law School. Parks, Samuel S., now of Chicago. Strong, Homer C., now of Palmer.

List of Students now in course of study.

Andrews, Charles, at Amherst College. Brown, Harry H., post graduate at Harvard. Brown, Miss Alice W., at Mt. Holyoke College. Breckenridge, John E., at Yale University. Brown, Joseph, at Williston Academy. Gardner, Edwin S., at Amherst College. Holden, Miss Lula, at Wellesley. Holden, Miss Florence, at Wilbraham Academy. Hastings, Miss Blanche, at Vassar. Hastings, Calvin, at Worcester Academy. Holbrook, Arthur, at Worcester Military Academy. King, A. John, at Graw Medical College, Denver. Lacey, Edward N., at Harvard Law School. Moore, Miss Bessie, at The Elms, Springfield. Page, John, at School of Christian Workers, Springfield. Stimson, Cyrus W., at Yale Theological School. Stimson, Rufus W., at Harvard University. Shaw, James Harold, at Worcester Academy. Stoughton, Henry, at Oberlin College. Tuthill, Miss Carrie, at Brown University. Wing, Clarence, at Monson Academy.



SUMMARY.

Number of	College gradu	ates,	_	-	_	-	_	50
	Academic graduates, Normal graduates,		·s,		-	-	-	48
					-			10
	High School	ates,		~		-	43	
	Ministers,	-	-	-	~	-		10
	Lawyers,	-	• ~	-	-		-	5
	Physicians,	-	-					S
	Teachers,	-	_	-				68
	Students now at College or Academy.							2.1



Historical List of Members.

1847.

Lebbeus Chapin, Margaret Chapin, Benjamin Converse, Margaret Converse, Wilson Brainard, Azel Brakenridge, Eliza W. Brakenridge, John Brooks, Sarah Brooks, Abner Blodgett, Harvey Smith, Annis H. Smith. Lambert Allen, Elizabeth Allen, Emily B. Bell, lane Butler, Mehitable Converse, Sarah Gamwell, Harriet S. Kendall, Polly C. Mason, William Mason, Elizabeth W. Mason, Abby King, Maria F. Morgan, Maria S. Converse, Alanson C. Merrick, Mary K. Merrick, Lucina Merrick, Betsey C. Putnami, Jason B. Maynard, Polly M. Maynard, John B. Blanchard, Silence Blanchard, Alonzo V. Blanchard, Elvira A. Blanchard.

John D. Blanchard, Jane M. Blanchard, Augustus Barrett, Cornelia Barrett, Sarah Cooley, Rebecca Cooley, Delphia Davis, Lucina Foskett, Lucy Moon, Lucina E. Foskett, Mary Ann Foskett, Mariette Hunt, Amy Brainard, Phebe Brainard, Rosanna B. Fenton, Dolly Frink, Asenath B. Sedgwick, Aurilla Ward, Charlotte E. Ward, lames Nutting, Rachel W. Nutting, Calvin W. Nutting, Arza Blodgett, Margaret M. Blodgett, Almira Dodge, Eliza Harris, Margaret D. Lester, Ruth Hatch, Maria E. Mason, Reuben Rogers, Mary Tiffany Sedgwick, Moses Barnes, Clarissa Barnes, Mary P. Dewey.



18.48.

Mary Eliza King, Jonathan Webber, Sarah Webber, Martha S. Tucker, Gideon Merrick, Beulah Merrick, Samuel Otis Merrick, Maria S. Merrick, Dolly Makepeace Blanchard, Mary S. Nutting, Charlotte Howe Converse, Martha E. Tucker, Mary E. Mason, Sidney H. Hall, Sarah B. Hall, Rev. Thomas Wilson,

1849.

Horace Clark, Mary Tenney Clark, Daniel Converse, Franklin Blanchard, Sarah Leger Blanchard, George N. Stone, Mary Jane Allen, Mary Tenney Clark, Olivia Allen Clark, Harriet Josephine Clark, Emily Frances Clark, Sarah Elizabeth Wilson, John Pease Barnes, John Hartwell Pease, Robert Johnson, Lucy Oliver Johnson, Emily Mason, Caroline Newton Brainard.

1850.

Cornelia E. Smith,

Henry A. Moore.

1851.

William Azel Brakenridge, Angeline Rockwood Merriam, Mary Jane Robinson, Julia A. Mason, Henrietta Maria Merrick, Sarah Burnham, Harriet Burnham, George E. Winslow, Lloisa Winslow.

1852.

Austin Rufus Fenton,

Abby M. Fenton.

1853.

Frances Temple Blanchard.

1855.

Joseph Vaille, Nancy Pope Vaille, Calista D. Nichols, Harriet M. Cooley, Lovina Converse, Olive H. Foskit, Albert A. Gamwell, Samuel D. Brooks, Eliza J. Brooks, Susan King, Samantha Marshall.

1856.

Galen M. Fisher, Susan Fisher, Julia B. Colton, Nancy Woolworth,



1857.

Mary McMaster, Margaret McMaster, Jeremiah J. Young, Mary Ann Young, Charlotte Bryant, Erastus S. Field. Phebe Field, Henrietta Field.

1858.

Candace Dodge, Henry Martyn Vaille, William Holbrook, Clara Belknap Holbrook, James Austin Hawkes, Ruth P. Hawkes. Mary K. Chapman, Emily Augusta Stickney, James M. Chapman, Mrs. Fannie Page, William Thomas Blanchard, Charles Goetz, Eva Goetz, Nancy Jane Loomis, Margaret Ellen King, Harriet Knight McMaster, Elizabeth Congdon, Rufus Fay, Rachel Fay, Catherine Kunzelman, Emma A. Stickney.

William C. Child, Martha Emily Child, George M. Stacey, Frances Helen Stacey, Stillman Thurston, Esther Maria Thurston, William Sullivan Spear, Joseph W. Hastings, Horatio G. Stickney, Mary P. Russell, Ellen Jane Wallace, Catherine Woods, Elvira Augusta Elwell, Marion Adelaide Colton, Jane Brewer Blanchard, Mary Louise Atwood, Margaret Ellen Atwood Henrietta Lucebah Clark, Carrie Asenath Clark, Mary Smith, Harriet Merrick Warren, Freeman Dodge,

Lather H. Arnold, Charlotte M. Ward, Helen King.

Reuben Stevens, Cornelia L. Stevens,

Marcia Goodell Webber,

John M. Brewster,

Cosmelia S. Brewster, Mary R. Whitney,

1860.

1861.

1859.

Almira Moore, Sarah Z. Stacev.

Moses B. Buffum, Betsey A. Buffum, John N. Lacey.

1862.

Jane Eliza Brakenridge.



1863.

Charlotte M. Bennett,

Emily B. Tutbill.

1864.

Hannah Wealthy Wheelock, Edwin B. Lyon, Emily Edwards Gilmore, Sarah Ella Munyon, Freeman S. Foster, Harriet N. Foster, Akin Hastings, Mary A. Hastings, Isaac F. Nutting, Lura B. Nutting.

1865.

Elisha Converse, Marcia Louisa Burleigh, Lucia Elizabeth Burleigh, Julia Adelaide Burleigh, Henry D. Foster, Edson Sexton, Lucia E. Strong, Hannah S. Butleigh, William K. Vaille, Juha T. Vaille, Kate Ann Brewster.

1866.

Abbie Isora Goff,

Calvin Lowers.

1867.

Louise Anne Bugbee, John Henry Gamwell, George Henry Hastings.

1869.

Mary M. Cobb. Dulcenia Adams, Lucy B. Barnes, Julia Maria Fullerton, Bradford M. Fullerton, Minnie King Bennett, Mary Foster, Angeline Hastings, Marion Henshaw, Laura Elizabeth Child, Mary Wells Foster, Charlotte Elizabeth Knox, Calista Loomis, Mehitable Church Squier, Elvira Morton Stone, Chloe Leach Weeks, Henry Goodwin Loomis, Betsey (Brainard) Barton, Tirzah Almira Fenton, Almira Peasley,

Philo Pratt Kellogg, Seraph Caroline Kellogg, Elias Turner, Elizabeth Merrick Blanchard, Adeline E. Hills, Dorinda Hitchcock, Susan M. Smith, Joseph W. Mason, Mary Kelso Cannon, Selah Wilson Lawrence, Harriet Augusta Lawrence, Persis Eveline Shaw, Mary Ann Sparrow. Mary Babcock Shaw, Catherine Shumway, Monzo Blanchard Chapman, Dea, Hiram Converse, Tenettee Converse, Monzo Nelson Dewey, Keves Foster,



Harriet E. Breckenridge, Jennette Higgins,

Lathrop Merrick, Snah H. Merrick, 4. Ed sin Kellogg, Clara L. Kellogg, William E. Judd.

Dea, George F. Brown, Surah I. Brown. Horace J. Lawrence, Henry M. Bartlett,

Mary Stacy Brown, Clara Maria Marcy, Mary Illiza Sedgwick, Lucy Malvina Shaw, Louisa Maria Burleigh, Julia Ann Shearer, Sarah Mari m Burleigh,

George Henry Fisherdick,

Mary Jane Kenerson, Homer Richards Stoughton, Ellen L. Stoughton, William Henry Hitchcock, Lucy Alphia Hitchcock, Walter Henry Blanchard, Anna Elizabeth Brown, Mary Marsh Colburn,

Mary Emma Sinders, Alfred Eugene Park, Jane Sophia Park, Hubbard Lawrence,

Edward Chase, Lizzie Cook,

1870.

Reuben Stevens. Cornelia L. Stevens.

1871.

Jennie E. Judd, William Edward Holbrook, John Marshall Knox, Edwin N. Montague, Lucy M. Montague.

1872.

Henrietta M. Bartlett, Ada Louisa Wellman, Mary Elizabeth Marsh,

1873.

Susan Charlotte Hunt, Emory Charles Mitchell, Orville Lewis Slader, Mary Louise Slader, Arthur Robert Slader, Philena Foster, Laura Pierce Blanchard.

1874.

Eunice Marietta Fisherdick.

1875.

Helen Selina Foster. Anna Louise Hawkes. Henry Parker Holden. Mary Anne Holden, Louisa Frances Loomis. Julia Emeline Sedewick. James Michael Sisk. Mary Chandler.

1876.

Thera Tamplin Lawrence, Jane Elizabeth Foster, John Foster.

1877.

Emma Shotwell Appleton, John King Knox,



Nellie Mann Wing, Edith Medora Ambler, Susan W. Coleman, Franklin B. Shepard, Carrie O. Shepard, Elthina Merrick Knox, Martha Louisa Knox, Surah Elthina Knox, Sophia Ella King.

1878.

Susic Maria Blanchard, Rev. James Henry Bradford, Ellen Knight Bradford, Joel Milton Alden, Frances Augusta Alden, Orrin Peer Allen, Lucinda Elmina Allen, Stillman Joseph Baker, Marcia Pierce Blanchard, Lizzie Georgiana Hellyar, Jane Augusta Codding, Henry Willis Cutler. Anna Jane Fay, Anna Louise Fisherdick, Cyrus Webster Fisherdick, Charles Dwight Foster, Ida Grace Milligan, William Frank Floyd, William Morton Fullerton, Robert Morton Fullerton, Emily Frances Gray, Laura Annie Holbrook, Idella Louise Holbrook, Daniel Freeman Holden, Mary Maria Holden, Elizabeth Adelle Holden, Anna Pede Holden, Simon Katz, William Kelley, Edwin Olney Kinne, Anny Louise Keves, Caroline Elvira Lacey, Harriet Louise Lacey, Edward Norman Lacev. Maggie Johnson Lefford,

William Addison Lincoln, lames Steuben Loomis, Lizzie Lambert, Martha Pendleton Palmer, Thomas George Rodman, Orville Plympton Sanderson, John Scott Sedgwick, James Bayard Shaw, Mary Abby Shaw, Effic Gertrude Shaw, Lucia Ann Stoughton, Sarah Maria Smith, Emily Andrometer Taylor. Dorothy Ordway Taplin, Julius Clark Tibbetts, Ellen Perkins Tibbetts, Charles Julian Tuthill, Háttie Ethel Wallis, Sarah Eliza Weeks, Rufus F. Bishop, Hattie A. Bishop, John Benjamin Chapman, Frank A. Hosmer, Emeline Howe, Lucia Buber Keyes, Henry Porter Simonds. Angeline Lucy Simonds, Elizabeth Harper Turner, Oliver Martin Dorsett, Samuel Henry Hellvar, -James Harvey Tuthill, Delight Annette Tuthill, Laura B. Nutting, Lucy Ann Barnes.

1879.

Dr. Alfred C. Downing, Mary E. Downing, James Cowles, Catherine P. Cowles,



1880.

Emmie Jane Hunt.

1881.

Ellen P. Fenton, Samuel Hobert Brown, Ann Elizabeth Brown, • Cecelia Viola Randall, Helen Louise Cobb,

William Henry Higgins, May Belle Higgins, Nancy Jane Rice, Mary E. Duncan.

1882.

Eliza G. Learned.

1833.

Rev. Pleasant Hunter, Jr. Hiram Vaille, George H. Hastings, Almena Hastings, Charlotte Ellen Cross, Cyrus W. Cross, John S. Holden,

Jennie E. Holden, George H. Wilkins, Nellie M. Bennett, Louis E. Moore, Addie S. Moore, Charles Warrington Bennett, James D. Murphy.

1884.

James Watts Shanks, William E. Breckenridge, Rutus W. Stimson, Carrie L. Shanks, Ellen M. Cadwell, Clarence M. Abbe, Alice E. Hunter, Mary Kenerson, Eva Eliza Kenerson; Sarah E. Mason, Betsey Mitchell.

1885-1892.

Owing to the loss of the records the exact year cannot be given in which the following persons were admitted, but the list is as complete as it can possibly be made:

Harry N. Brown, Lena M. Brown, (now Hall) Mary E. Loomis, Luther H. Gager, Jennie L. Gager, Carrie E. Roper, Mabel J. Sedgwick, Julia A. Allen, Lillie M. Allen, George A. Rice, Hattie Hatch, Inez Burleigh,

Mrs. Carrie W. Brown,
Joseph H. Kenerson,
Arabella Knox Ruggles,
Alice Holden,
Alice M. Brown,
Cyrus F. Stimson,
Mrs. Cornelia H. M. Blanchard,
Lizzie J. Blaisdell,
William A. Breckenridge,
Mary E. Hastings,
Ada Bills,
Esther Gardner.



Jennie S. Smith, Christa M. Park, Walter H, Blanchard, Susie M. Blanchard, Herman Kendall, Mrs. Phoebe B. Kendall, Anna T. Shaw, John E. Breckenridge, Albert 11, W. Stimson, Horatio B. Knox, Mary E. Knox, Elizabeth H. Pope, Nellie Henry, Malinda L Stebbins, Julia C. Smith, Rev. Howard W. Pope, Mrs. Alice G. Pope, Miss Edith Pope, Mrs. Sarah S. Wilkins, Miss Abbie J. Wallis, Mrs. H. W. Stimson, Miss Harriet Lucy Stimson, Mrs. Harriet H. Shepard, Miss Bessie Shepard, Miss Bertha A. Hastings, Dea. Amos Andrews, Mrs. Amos Andrews, Miss Grace Andrews. Charles Andrews, George Allen, Lilah (English) Bemis, Mary Fidelia Smith,

John Page, Samuel Millen, Mrs. Eliza Millen, Mrs. Elizabeth Millen, Mrs. Alice Lucella LeGro, Miss Ella Grace Huntley, Samuel J. Ramsden, Mrs. Alter Delia Ramsden, Miss Addie Louise Rogers,

Albert W. Thayer, Mrs. Harriet C. Thayer,

Martha A. Crawford, Abbie Holbrook, William W. Converse, Clara L. Converse, Mrs. Thankful King, Charlotte Puffer, William A. Lawson, Bradish P. Morse, Louis E. Chandler, Emma L. Chandler, Maria M. Watson, Lelah M. Sharpe, Mrs. Genevive M. Randall, Abbie M. Wing, Mrs. H. E. Huntley, Miss Ella Zeiner, Miss Mary E. Marsh, R. E. Paddock, Mrs. Sarah C. Paddock, Mrs. Eliza A. Holden, Charles G. Harrison, Mrs. Abbie Green, Miss Alice Carswell, Miss Bessie Moore, Byron C. Shanks, C. C. Abbe, Miss Esther Walburg, Dea. Benj. F. Moore, Mrs. B. F. Moore, Mrs. Geo. Allen. Laura (English) Holbrook,

1893.

William R. Milligan, Rev. Frank E. Jenkins, Mrs. Sarah E. Jenkins, Frank B. Pope, Miss Charlotte Lena Bray, Miss Lilian Gray Park, Walter Burford, Mrs. Myra E. Shearer, Mrs. Ida M. Loyd,

1894.

Horace M. Buskey, Mrs. Hattie May Buskey,



Mrs. Lucy A. Munger, David L. Bodfish, Mrs. Winnifred W. Bodfish, Mrs. Mary Sedgwick, Mrs. Amelia M. Learned,

Miss Mande L. Burnham, Harvey Carey, Mrs. Incz Smith Carey, Joseph Hayden Stimson, Mrs. Marion Pollock (Howie) Easton.

1895 to May 5.

Mrs. Lydia M (Royce) Grosvenor, Mrs. Adeline (Prickette) Whiton, Louis Kent Cross, Mrs. Sarah Eliza (Flagg) Randall, Mrs. Katurah (Thompson) Oare, Mrs. Jennie Effie Brainerd, Ernest W. Cleveland, Mis. Martha D. (Osborn) Cleveland, Mrs. Mary (Osborn) Dolday. Albert Henry Bogue, Mis. Sarah Luella (Cooley) Bogue.

North.—The above list includes 582 members.

LIST OF PRESENT MEMBERS.

May 6, 1895.

Alden, Joel Wilton. Alden, Mrs. Frances Augusta (Annabel.) Allen, Orrin Peer. Mlen, Mrs. Lucinda Elmina (Scott). Allen, Miss Julia Adeline. Allen, Miss Lillie May. Blanchard, Franklin. Blanchard, Mrs. Frances Temple (Holland). Blanchard, Mrs. Elizabeth (Merrick). Blanchard, Mrs. Mary A. (Congdon). Blanchard, Mrs. Cornelia H. M. (Brewer). Blanchard, Walter II. Blanchard, Mrs. Susie M. (Wheeler). Brown, Dea. George Ferdinand. Brown, Samuel Hobert. Brown, Mrs. Ann Elizabeth (Hitchcock). Brown, Harry Hitchcock. Brown, Miss Alice Webber. Brown, Mrs. Mary Stacy (Allen). Brown, Mrs. Carrie W. (Bill). Burford, Walter. Briggs, Mrs. May Belle (Higgins.) Bogue, Albert Henry. Brainerd, Miss Jennie Effie. Brainard, Mrs. Caroline Newton (Wilson). Breckenridge, Mrs. Eliza Watson (Smith). Breckenridge, Mrs. Harriet Eliza (Kellogg). Breckenridge, Dea. William Azel.

Breckenridge, William Edwin.



Breckenridge, John Elliot. Baker, Stillman Joseph. Barton, Mrs. Anna Elizabeth (Brown). Burleigh, Miss Inex. Bennett, Dea. Charles Warrington. Bennett, Mrs. Nellie M. (Roper). Bills, Mrs. Ada Eliza (Taylor). Bray, Miss Charlotte Lena. Burnham, Miss Maude E. Bodfish, David Lewis. Bodfish, Mrs. Winnifred (Ware). Bogue, Mrs. Sarah Luella (Cooley). Blaisdell, Miss Lizzie J. Child, Mrs. Laura Elizabeth (Dewcy). Chandler, Mrs. Mary (Fenton). Cobb, Mrs. Mary Maria (Ham). Cook, Mrs. Lizzie (Merriam). Converse, William W. Converse, Mrs. Clara Louise (Fletcher). Cady, Mrs. Eva Eliza (Kenerson). Clark, Mrs. Maria M. (Watson). Cross, Louis Kent. Cleveland, Ernest W. Chapman, Mrs. Emily Λ . (Taylor). Coleman, Mrs. Susan W. (Owens). Cowles, Dea. James. Cross, Cyrus W. Cross, Mrs. Charlottee Ellen (Kent). Chandler, Louis E. Chandler, Mrs. Emma (Leonard). Carswell, Miss Alice Carey, Harvey. Carey, Mrs. Inez (Smith) Cleveland, Mrs. Martha D. (Osborn). Dolday, Mrs. Mary (Osborn). Foster, Dea. Freeman Shaw. Foster, Miss Helen Selina. Foster, Charles Dwight. Foster, Mrs. Mary (Sedgwick). French, Mrs. Louise Frances (Loomis). Fisherdick, George Henry. Fisherdick, Mrs. Eunice Marietta (Webster). Fisherdick, Miss Anna Louise. Fisherdick, Cyrus Webster. Gager, Litther Henry. Gager, Mrs. Jennie Louise (Pitkin).

Gamwell, Albert A.



Gamwell, Mrs. Emily Frances (Clark). Gardner, Mrs. Esther (Gilmore). Greene, Mrs. Abbie (Mann). Grosvenor, Mrs. Lydia M. (Royce). Holden, Henry Parker. Holden, Mrs. Mary Anne (Holmes). Holden, Daniel Freeman. Holden, Mrs. Mary Maria (Loomis). Holden, Mrs. Eliza A. (Howlett). Holbrook, Dr. William. Holbrook, Mrs. Clara (Belknap). Holbrook, Dr. William Edward. Holbrook, Miss Idella Louise. Holbrook, Miss Abbie. Hellvar, Samuel Henry. Hellvar, Mrs. Lizzie Georgiana (Blanchard). Hitchcock, William Henry. Hitchcock, Mrs.Lucy Alphia (Wright). Harrison, Charles G. Hunt, Mrs. Susan Charlotte (Harris). Huntley, Mrs. H. E. (Whitcomb). Huntley, Miss Ella Grace. Hastings, Dea. George H. Hastings, Mrs. Almina (Potter). Hastings, Miss Bertha A. Higgins, Mrs. Jeanette (Blackman). Higgins, William Henry. Hills, Mrs. Adeline E. (Putman). Henry, Mrs. Nellie (Noves) Hall, Mrs. Lena M. (Brown) Jenkins, Rev. Frank E. Jenkins, Mrs. Sarah E. (Stanley). Knox, John King. Knox, Mrs. Elthina Merrick (Fay). Knox, Mrs. Charlotte Elizabeth (Talt). Kenerson, Mrs. Mary (Carswell). Kenerson, Joseph H. Kinne Edward Olnev. Kendall, Herman M. Kendall, Mrs. Pheebe B. (Smith). King, Mrs. Thankful (Ganett). Lawrence, Selah Wilson. Lawrence, Hubbard. Lawrence, Mrs. Thera (Tamplin). Lawson, William A.

Lawson, Mrs. Sarah Marion (Burleigh).

Lacey, John N.



Lacey, Mrs. Catherine (Woods).

Lacey, Miss Caroline Elvira.

Lacey, Miss Harriet Louise.

Lacey, Edward Norman.

Learned, Mrs. Amelia M. (Sedgwick).

LeGro, Mrs. Alice Lucella (Cowles).

Loyd, Mrs. Ida Medora (White).

Loomis, James Steuben.

Loomis, Mrs. Nancy Jane (Shaw).

Loomis, Henry Goodwin.

Loomis, Mrs. Calista (Keith).

Loomis, Miss Mary E.

Moore, Louis E.

Moore, Mrs. Addie S. (Howard).

Moore, Miss Bessie.

Morse, Bradish P.

Millen, Samuel.

Millen, Mrs. Eliza.

Millen, Miss Elizabeth.

Mason, Mrs. Mary E. (Hastings). Marcy, Mrs. Clara Maria (Sumner).

Milligan, William R.

Milligan, Mrs. Ida Grace (Foster).

Marsh, Miss Mary E.

Munger, Mrs. Lucy A. (Hancock).

Oare, Mrs. Katurah (Thompson).

Page, Mrs. Fanny (Gallivan).

Pope, Frank B.

Pope, Mrs.Elizabeth Adelle (Holden).

Puffer, Mrs. Charlotte (Olmsted).

Paddock, Rufus E.

Paddock, Mrs. Sarah C.

Rodman, Thomas George.

Roper, Miss Carrie E.

Rice, George Allen.

Rice, Mrs. Emily (Grey).

Randall, Mrs. Sarah Eliza (Flagg).

Ruggles, Mrs. Martha Louise (Knox).

Ruggles, Mrs. Arabella (Knox).

Rogers, Miss Addie Louise.

Randall, Mrs. Geneva M. (Killman).

Ramsden, Samuel L.

Ramsden, Mrs., Alter Delia (Burnham).

Shaw, Dea. James Bayard.

Shaw, Mrs. Mary Abbie (Hubbard).

Shaw, Miss Effic Gertrude.



Shaw, Miss Anna Tiffany.

Shaw, Mrs. Lucy Melvina (Warner).

Sisk, James Michael.

Smith, Mrs. Susan Maria (Blair).

Smith, Mrs. Sarah Maria (Olds).

Smith, Mrs. Jennie Stanhope (Grey).

Smith, Miss Julia C.

Smith, Mrs. Mary Fidelia (Moore).

Sedgwick, Mrs. Mary (Boyden).

Sedgwick, John Scott.

Sedgwick, Mrs. Julia Emeline (Randall).

Sedgwick, Miss Mabel J.

Sedgwick, Miss Mary Eliza.

Stimson, Rufus Whitaker.

Stimson, Cyrus Flynt.

Stimson, Albert Henry Warren.

Stimson, Joseph Hayden.

Stimson, Miss Harriet Lucia.

Stimson, Mrs. Harriet Abigail (Hunt).

Stone, George Nelson.

Stone, Mrs. Elvira Morton (Fenton).

Stebbins, Mrs. Melinda Idelia (Sherman).

Shearer, Mrs. Julia Ann (Sedgwick).

Shearer, Mrs. Myra Elmira (Terry).

Tuthill, James Harvey.

Tuthill, Mrs. Delight Annette (Randall).

Taplin, Mrs. Dorothy Odway (Ruiter).

Thayer, Albert W.

Thayer, Mrs. Harriet (Cook).

Trench, Mrs. Edith Medora.

Wilkins, Dr. George II.

Wilkins, Mrs. Sadie (Stanwood).

Wing, Mrs. Abbie M. (Newton).

Warren, Mrs. Louise M. (Alden).

Whiton, Mrs. Adeline (Prickette).

Weeks, Mrs. Chloe Leach (Needham).

Weeks, Miss Sarah Eliza.

Wallis, Miss Abbie J.

Ward, Mrs. Sarah Elthina (Knox).

Zeiner, Miss Ella.

Note:—The membership (Jan. 7, 1895,) consisted of males 68, females 137; total 205.



ADDENDA.

These names should be added to the list of Graduates on page 40. Franklin Blanchard, Monson and Wilbraham Academies. William T. Blanchard, Monson Academy. John D. Blanchard, Monson Academy. James B. Shaw, Palmer High School. Mrs. Caroline N. Brainerd, Albany Academy. Maria E. Mason, Holyoke Seminary. Mary E. Mason, Springfield Select School. Julia A. Mason, Palmer High School.

These names should be added to the list of Teachers on page 44. Dea. Hiram Converse, Palmer. Dea. Wilson Brainerd, Palmer. Miss Caroline N. Brainerd, Colerain. Phebe Brainerd, Monson. Sarah (Brainerd) Cooley, Palmer. Betsey (Brainerd) Barton, Palmer and Monson. John W. Brainerd, Palmer. Maria E. Mason, Holyoke Seminary. Mary E. Mason, Grafton, Mass. Julia A. Mason, Palmer.



